

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

October 20, 2016 - 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Polk County River Place, Room 1

2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa

MEETING MINUTES

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Broeker
Jody Eaton
Marsha Edgington
Lynn Grobe
Kathryn Johnson
Betty King (phone)
Sharon Lambert (phone)

Geoff Lauer
John Parmeter
Rebecca Peterson
Michael Polich
Patrick Schmitz
Rebecca Schmitz
Marilyn Seemann

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Thomas Bouska
Senator Mark Costello
Representative David Heaton
Brett McLain

Senator Liz Mathis
Representative Scott Ourth
Jennifer Sheehan

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Barb Anderson	Iowa Department of Education
Theresa Armstrong	MHDS, Bureau Chief, Community Services and Planning
Kris Bell	Iowa Senate Democrats Caucus Staff
Jess Benson	Legislative Services Agency
Ken Briggs	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Jim Cornick	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Judy Davis	Iowa Office of Consumer Affairs
Jim Donoghue	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Kris Graves	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Denise Juhl	Amerigroup
Linda Kellen	Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Meghan Klier	Easter Seals of Iowa
Brenda Lechner	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Amy McCoy	Department of Human Services
LeAnn Moskowitz	Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
Todd Noack	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Donna Richard-Langer	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Ellen Ritter	Heart of Iowa MHDS Region
Jim Rixner	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Lee Ann Russo	Iowa Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation
Christina Scharck	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Peter Schumacher	MHDS, Community Services & Planning/CDD
Dennis Sharp	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Rick Shults	Division Administrator, MHDS, Department of Human Services
DJ Swope	Iowa Department on Aging
Michelle Tilotta	Iowa Department of Public Health
Tracy White	Iowa Mental Health Planning Council
Kim Wilson	Northwest Iowa Care Connections

Welcome and Call to Order

Patrick Schmitz called the meeting to order at 9:40 am and led introductions. Quorum was established with twelve members present and one participating by phone. No conflicts of interest were identified.

Approval of Minutes

Lynn Grobe made a motion to approve the August 18 and September 15 meeting minutes. Tom Broeker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules regarding Autism Support Program – Theresa Armstrong

Theresa Armstrong presented the rules package. The changes in the rules were made to comply with legislation that was passed this last session with regard to eligibility, and definitions of providers.

Theresa said there was one question expressing concern that the definition of “Autism Service Provider” would be too restrictive and exclude qualified providers. The Department’s response was that the change was made to conform with Iowa Code section 225D.1(3) and that the Department did not have the authority to expand the definition without legislative direction. As a result, the Department made no changes to the rule package. Theresa said this definition would not exclude anyone who is currently providing these services.

John Parmeter made a motion to adopt the rules as presented. Lynn Grobe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Armstrong said the rules would be posted in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 23, and go before the Administrative Rule Review Committee (ARRC) at their meeting on December 13 meeting. The rules would be effective on January 1, 2017.

Medicaid Managed Care Executive Summary – Patrick Schmitz

Patrick reviewed the legislative charge to the Commission regarding the executive summary, and presented a draft of an executive summary.

Kathy Johnson asked what the definition of “the previous year” was. Theresa Armstrong said there was ambiguity, but generally, the Department does reports on State Fiscal Years (SFY), but given the timeframe of this one, a calendar year report would be prudent.

The Commission shared concerns they have heard about the Medicaid Managed Care transition over the course of 2016. These concerns included billing concerns, communication between MCOs and providers, reduced lengths of stay and short notice of discharge, delayed services, access to additional 1915(b)(3) services, and an increased shortage in direct care workforce.

The Commission resolved to have a phone meeting in early November to finalize the changes to the executive summary and vote to approve it.

The Commission broke into committees to discuss their Combined Annual/Biennial report.

The Commission regrouped and reported back to the full Commission.

Kathy Johnson and Jody Eaton spoke about the County/Regional Services section. Kathy said it would be difficult to report on the condition of the state because it is in flux. Jody said that there

were challenges with Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rules, additional 1915(b)(3) services, the Mental Health Institute (MHI) Realignment, and the rollout of Medicaid Managed Care. Jody also said there were encouraging things happening in MHDS Regions like the expansion of crisis and justice-involved services and the CEO collaborative.

Marsha Edgington spoke about the State Resource Center (SRC) and MHI section. Marsha said many of the issues reported in the 2014 report are still present, and there has been little change in the past two years. There are still gaps with employment and day activity for people with mental health needs, and there are still patients who have aggressive interfering behaviors who are challenging to treat in the community. Marsha said the SRCs provide high-quality care to individuals who are medically fragile or have interfering behaviors, and will continue to transition individuals into more integrated care settings in the community.

Geoff Lauer spoke about the Recommended Changes to Iowa Law. Geoff said there have been a few updates, but many issues are similar. Geoff reported that the committee still wanted to recommend stable long-term funding for MHDS Regions, the inclusion of transportation as a core service, coordination for oral health services for Medicaid members, and funding to reduce and eventually eliminate the HCBS waiver waiting list.

There was discussion about the shifting of service burdens from the Medicaid program to the MHDS Regions, the new Department of Labor overtime rules, and a possible increase to the minimum wage.

Public Comment

Ken Briggs requested a copy of the Commission's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Schumacher.